

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A device for screwing sealing caps (V) onto containers (G), comprising several closing heads (2) revolving on a closed track, each closing head (2) having a gripping tong (3) which can be moved on and off in a controlled manner, each gripping tong (3) having a control unit (4) allocated thereto and to revolve therewith, each control unit movable relative to the closed track (K) between an opening position opening the gripping tong (3) and a closed position closing the gripping tong (3), and the control units (4) being operable to change direction by stationary stops (5, 6) between the opening position and the closed position.

2. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of or both the closed position and the opening position of the control units (4) is stabilized in a self-limiting manner.

3. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the control unit (4) has a cam (7) rotatably supported on the rotor (1), which cam is supported displaceably in the closing head (2) by a push rod (8) which activates the corresponding gripping tong (3).

4. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 3, wherein every control unit (4) has an angle lever (9) non-rotatably connected with the cam (7), which lever cooperates with the stationary stops (5, 6).

5. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the rotational axis of the cam (7) and the longitudinal axis of the push rod (8) are positioned in parallel with the rotational axis (D) of the rotor (1), and the cam (7) is constructed as a spatial curve.

6. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the stationary stops (5', 6') have curved parts (42, 43) proceeding obliquely to the closed track (K) of the closing heads (2).

7. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the control units (4) are provided with rollers (39) which scan the curved parts (42, 43).